New Thermal at Calcutta Airport

1497. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new terminal building at Calcutta Airport is likely to be completed;

(b) what has been the total project cost and how is it being financed; and

(c) how many passengers would be handled by this new terminal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The New International Terminal at Calcutta Airport with an estimated outlay of Rs. 19.58 crores and designed for a peak-hour handling capacity of 1425 passengers and annual handling capacity of 7.05 lakh passengers is scheduled to be completed by May, 1992. The project will be funded by IAAI out of their own resources.

Soviet know-how to control fire in mines

1498. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offer from the Soviet Union in the matter of providing the know-how to control fire in mines; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the terms and conditions of the offer and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Soviet side had offered a technology known as 'grouting technology' for control of a section of fire at Mukunda block of Bharat Coking Coal Limited on an experimental basis. The grouting technology consists of drilling bore-holes along the periphery of the fire and injecting them with special heat resistant grouts thereby isolating the fire. This technology has not been tried for controlling mine fires anywhere but is used for other applications like reduction of water percolation etc. As the Soviet side was not in a position to fully guarantee the success of this technology in controlling fire, its introduction is not contemplated at present.

Increase in the frequency of aircraft and helicopter crash

1499. SHRI J.P. JAVALI:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the frequency of aircraft and helicopter crash during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of such accidents and the details of loss of human lives and property as a result thereof;

(c) whether inquiries ordered into the accidents have been completed and the reports published; and

(d) what corrective measures have been taken to avoid such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The details of accidents to all civil registered aircraft in India during the last three years is given below:

Sl. No.	Year	Total No. of aircraft accidents (Fatalities in brackets)	Total No. of helicopter accidents (Fatalities in brackets)
1	1987	7(Nil)	3 (Nil)
2	1988	16 (171)	5 (17)
3	1989	4 (14)	4 (10)
4	1990	4 (92)	Nil (Nil)